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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER'S REMARKS ON US-CSSR RELATIONS

1. FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK MADE A MAJOR ADDRESS ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO THE FEDERAL ASSEMBLY NOVEMBER 11. A REPORT ON THE SPEECH IS BEING SENT SEPARATELY. THERE FOLLOWS THE GOC TRANSLATION OF CHNOUPEK'S PASSAGE ON US-CSSR RELATIONS.

2. QUOTE CZECHOSLOVAKIA WISHES TO HAVE GOOD AND NORMAL RELATIONS ALSO WITH THE UNITED STATES AND WE, ON OUR PART, HAVE DONE OUR BEST IN THAT RESPECT. AS WE KNOW, THE SUCCESSFUL PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WAS INTERFERED WITH BY THE ADOPTION OF THE TRADE ACT LAST DECEMBER. NOW IT IS UP TO THE AMERICAN SIDE TO TAKE POSITIVE STEPS AIMED AT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALREADY INITIALED AGREEMENT ON THE SETTLEMENT OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES. HOWEVER, ANY ATTEMPTS TO COMPLICATE FURTHER THE RELEASE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK MONETARY GOLD WOULD HAVE TO BE JUDGED IN A DIFFERENT WAY. WE REGARD THE RETURN OF GOLD STOLEN BY THE NAZIS AS A POLITICAL MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, AND, LAST BUT NOT LEAST, AS A CRITERON OF THE SINCERITY TO DO AWAY WITH THE LAST RELICS OF THE

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SECOND WORLD WAR AND THE COLD WAR.

WE PROCEED FROM THE ASSUMPTION THAT OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES MUST BE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY AND MUTUAL ADVANTAGES AND MUST BE FREE FROM ANY DISCRIMINATION. ON OUR PART, WE ARE READY TO DEVELOP MUTUAL RELATIONS ON THAT BASIS. AS WAS AGREED DURING THE MEETING OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER WITH THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE IN HELSINKI, THERE ARE CERTAIN POSSIBILITIES FOR DEVELOPING RELATIONS IN THOSE FIELDS THAT ARE NOT AFFECTED BY THE DISCRIMINATORY TRADE ACT. MUTUAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON INITIATING TALKS CONCERNING THE CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE FIELD OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND CULTURE. THESE INTENTIONS WERE AGAIN CONFIRMED DURING THE RECENT VISIT OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OF THE TWO COUNTRIES RECENTLY WAS A POSITIVE STEP IN THIS DIRECTION. WE HAVE RECEIVED AND WE SHALL RECEIVE IN FUTURE REALISTICALLY-MINDED POLITICIANS, FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVES AND ENTREPRENEURS FROM THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE READY TO DEVELOP WITH US MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS ON EQUAL FOOTING. END QUOTE. PERRY

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